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WASHINGTON, July 20, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 15 totaled 301,605, down 9.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 22.5 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 16.8 percent in the East and 1.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was down 25,027 cars (21.5 percent), due largely to continuing strikes by coal miners in the East plus the annual coal miners' holiday. Grain loadings were down 3,139 cars (10.2 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were up 4,486 cars (20.6 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 28 weeks of 1989 totaled 9,277,480, down 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 109,624 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 15, down 1.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of 1989 was 3,098,107 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as the 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 15 totaled 17.0 billion, 11.0 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 531.8 billion ton-miles, about the same as the comparable period of last year.

Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,503	30,642	-10.2 %	21,153	30.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,538	1,635	-5.9	1,143	34.6
Metallic Ores	26,309	21,823	20.6	22,016	19.5
Coal	91,365	116,392	-21.5	75,022	21.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,742	18,068	-1.8	12,494	42.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,352	10,094	2.6	8,417	23.0
Grain Mill Products	9,795	10,183	-3.8	8,549	14.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,599	9,067	-5.2	7,140	20.4
Primary Forest Products	9,645	9,911	-2.7	5,892	63.7
Lumber & Wood Products	6,421	7,104	-9.6	4,365	47.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,551	10,624	-.7	10,368	1.8
Chemicals	26,098	26,405	-1.2	24,267	7.5
Petroleum Products	5,486	5,249	4.5	4,454	23.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,084	11,476	-3.4	8,729	27.0
Coke	5,050	6,044	-16.4	4,949	2.0
Metals & Products	8,709	10,406	-16.3	7,315	19.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	10,254	11,981	-14.4	9,644	6.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,159	9,175	-11.1	5,585	46.1
All Other Carloads	6,945	7,233	-4.0	4,801	44.7
Total	**301,605**	**333,512**	**-9.6 %**	**246,303**	**22.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 28 WEEKS ENDING JULY 15, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**301,605**	**333,512**	**-9.6 %**	**9,277,480**	**9,329,924**	**-.6 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	62,129	65,226	-4.7	1,803,680	1,876,691	-3.9
Containers	47,495	45,587	4.2	1,294,427	1,222,593	5.9
Total	**109,624**	**110,813**	**-1.1**	**3,098,107**	**3,099,284**	**.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**17.0**	**19.1**	**-11.0 %**	**531.8**	**531.9**	**.0 %**

NOTE: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

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